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Senator Harry Reid 522 Hart Senate Office Bldg Washington, DC 20510

Senator Reid,

This week the House will again vote to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which was enacted two years ago under the guise of health reform, but has since been confirmed as the largest tax increase in American history.

The Affordable Care Act, not yet fully enacted, has already put undue burdens on thousands of small businesses across the country, increased costs, and is reducing access to quality care for millions of patients. Repealing this bill means paving the way for better solutions that will lower the costs of healthcare without raising taxes, or taking healthcare decisions out of the hands of patients and their doctors.

When the House votes again to repeal the Affordable Care Act, I urge you to let the bill have a vote in the full Senate.

The American people deserve responsive and effective leadership from those who are elected to higher office, and to know where their representatives fall on this issue given its new designation as a tax. Failing to allow a vote on this bill in the full Senate is a failure to understand the expectations the American people have placed on their elected officials.

Reforming the healthcare system and ensuring patient-centered access to care is not a Republican idea or a Democrat idea – rather it's an obligation all of us have to the American people.

My colleagues and I urge you to allow a vote in the full Senate on the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, so we can begin to fulfill that obligation together.

Sincerely,

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